**John 1 Chapter 1 Part1**

**From the introduction of John’s Gospel in the Life Application Study Bible**

And then he came in the flesh to a speck in the universe called planet Earth. The mighty Creator became a part of the creation, limited by time and space and susceptible to aging, sickness, and death. But love propelled him, and so he came to rescue and save those who were lost and to give them the gift of eternity. He is the Word; he is Jesus, the Christ.

It is this truth that the apostle John brings to us in this book. John's Gospel is not a life of Christ; it is a powerful argument for the incarnation, a conclusive demonstration that Jesus was, and is, the very heaven-sent Son of God and the only source of eternal life.

Altogether in the Old Testament believe or a word derived from it shows up a total of 20 times. There are, approximately 249 occurrences of the word believe in the entire Bible. Ninety-nine times believe occurs in the Gospel of John. My point? John’s gospel and the books written by him all focus on our belief in Jesus and in Who He was and Who He is.

Belief doesn’t and cannot come to someone without God’s grace touching your soul, your heart and bringing you to a point of realization that you truly NEED Jesus as your Savior!

Believing that Jesus accomplished everything needed for you to be saved doesn’t come to you from worldly efforts because you don’t decide to become saved. God is the One Who calls you to be saved through your belief in Jesus as your Savior.

John’s gospel nurtures and strengthen the awareness of who Jesus is and the given Grace of BELIEF.

**PURPOSE**: To prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in

him will have eternal life. Read John 20:31.

**AUTHOR**: John the apostle, son of Zebedee, brother of James, called a "Son of Thunder"

**TO WHOM WRITTEN**: New Christians and searching non-Christians

**DATE WRITTEN**: Probably A.D. 85-90

**SETTING**: Written after the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and before John\*s exile

to the island of Patmos

1. Read verses 1-2. What is a Word’s purpose, and what does 1:1-2 tell us about the “Word?”

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2. What do you think is “the beginning”? Where else can you find this term in scripture?

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3. What is the fifth word in Genesis 1:26 (NIV or KJV)? To whom do you think this word refers?

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4. Find and explain another passage elsewhere that expresses the Divine nature of Jesus (that He

is called “God” or possesses Deity).

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5. Read verse 3. What did “the Word” make? What was not made by the word?

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6. Read verses 4-5. What four characteristics did the Word have according to 1:4-5?

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7. What is the “darkness”?

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8. What do you think “comprehended it not” means?

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9. Read verses 6-8. Is the writer of this gospel referring to himself in John 1:6? If not, to whom is

he referring?

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10. What role was this John sent to perform?

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11. Define “witness.”

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12. Read verses 9-10. How did the world react to “the light”? Why was this improper?

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13. What is the difference between the “He” in verse 8 and the “He” in verse 10?

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14. Where was this “true Light”?

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15. Read verses 11-13. Who are “His own”? How did “his own” treat Him?

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16. Did any receive Him? What power did He give to those who believe(d) on Him?

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17. The writer is contrasting the birth of those who will receive power. Describe this contrast.

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18. Read verses 14 – 16. What happened to the “Word” (KJV)? What did the “Word” do? Who is

the “Word” made flesh?

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19. When we see the Glory of Jesus what is being revealed?

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20. Read Matthew 3:3 and 3:11. What did John (the Baptist) say about Jesus in all three verses,

Mt.3:3, 3:9, and Jn1:15?

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21. How could the “Word” have been both before and after John?

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22. Define “grace for grace.”

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23. Read verses 17-18. What “law” was given through Moses?

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24. What contrast is made between Moses and Jesus?

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25. Verse 18 gives one significance of Jesus, what is this significance?

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26. Read verses 19-22. Why is John called “the Baptist”?

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27. Who sent interrogators to John? Who were the interrogators?

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28. What questions are asked of John the Baptist?

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29. Why do they ask John the Baptist if he is “Elijah” or “the Prophet”?

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30. Read verses 23-25. What further question was asked of John, and how did he reply?

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31. What passage was the basis of John’s statement, and what does it mean?

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32. What final question was asked of John?

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33. Read verses 26-28. How did John compare himself to the one to come after him, and what

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34. Where was John baptizing, and what is meant by “beyond Jordan”?

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35. Read verses 29-31. How did John describe Jesus in 1:29? Why does John the Baptist call

Jesus, this name?

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36. Who was born first: John the Baptist or Jesus? Why does John say, “He was before me”?

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37. Why did John say “And I knew him not”? So, why did John say he was baptizing Jesus?

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38. Does baptism wash away sins? Is the Bible saying that Jesus also had sins?

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39. What does Jesus’ baptism initiate?

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40. What is the meaning of baptism today?

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41. Read verses 32-34. What sign was used by God to identify to John the one for whom he was

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42. In verse John states again “And I knew him not”. What is the Holy Spirit trying to convey?

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